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1. Washington Post June 16 carried following story from XXXXXMXXXM correspondent based in Washington: Israeli sources said that when fighting broke out in Middle East June 5, Israeli Govt queried US Naval Attache in Tel Aviv as to whether there were any American ships operating in Mediterranean off Sinai Peninsula. According story Israelis QTE got no response UNQTE.

2. As far we aware, first Israeli query along these lines made to American official was that reported in DAO 0825 June 8 which was after attack on USS Liberty.

3. Request urgent confirmation above and any other comments.

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August 4, 1967

The Chief of Naval Operations (OP-61B)
OPNAV
Washington, D.C. 20350

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to solicit information relating to the claims arising out of the attack on the U.S.S. Liberty by Israeli air and naval units on June 8, 1967.

One of the elements of the claims for physical injury which the United States Government will present to the Government of Israel on behalf of the United States Navy personnel injured in the attack is the loss of future earnings as a result of permanent physical impairment.

We understand that any determination of permanent physical impairment would be made by a United States Navy medical board at the conclusion of the medical treatment of the injured man. For that reason, it is possible that such findings may not be available by September 1, 1967. The Department of State would appreciate the Department of the Navy providing copies of any determinations of permanent impairment of personnel injured in the attack which may be available as of that date, andwith copies of subsequent determinations as they may be made. The findings should be certified as correct by the officer responsible for maintaining these records.

Lyn Kelly 1/10/83

Sincerely yours,

Ernest L. Kerley
Assistant Legal Adviser

cc: L - Mr. Salans
Commander Bryant

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